

**Borough of Rocky Hill  
Borough Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
November 5, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the Flag.

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mayor Zimmerman read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 11, 2012. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Robert McKelvey-absent, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Robert Steen-present.

Also present: Mayor Ed Zimmerman, Clerk Rebecca Newman, Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, CFO Joe Monzo and Borough Engineer Bill Tanner.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor thanked all who helped the town during Hurricane Sandy, including the Rocky Hill Fire Department, Rocky Hill First Aid Squad, Rocky Hill constables, and the Montgomery police department. The Mayor commented that due to relationships built through the Somerset County Governing Officials Association, mayors from neighboring towns checked in during the storm. The Mayor participated in the Governor's conference call once or twice a day, including one with the President of the United States. Assemblywoman Donna Simon was especially helpful and set up a meeting with PSE&G. The League of Municipalities convention has been canceled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2012. Hasser moved to approve the minutes as presented. Steen seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue Hasser, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The floor was open to public comment. Hearing none, the floor was immediately closed.

**STATE POLICE REPORT**

No report. The Mayor commented that outreach to the Borough from the State Police was outstanding, and a cruiser will be here for trick-or-treating on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No report.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

No report.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bill List dated November 5, 2012 was presented for approval. Hasser moved to approve the bill list. Bremner seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

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For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Pausch, Steen  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**Storm Related Discussion**

Halloween has been moved to November 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Rocky Hill Community Group did a great job communicating this information. The United Way is available to staff the Amy Garrett House. The Tiger's Tale is collecting donations for hurricane victims. FEMA has been to Rocky Hill twice and will be delivering 14,000 bottles of water. Communications were a weakness and the town should have an email list for preparations before the storm. The mayor would like a headcount of Toth Lane.

**Situation Report**

The Mayor read the situation report and estimated storm damage to be between \$353,000 and \$600,000.

The Mayor would like a meeting with the president of New Jersey American water to discuss the high-pressure hydrant installed 30 years ago for which the town has recently begun receiving bills.

**Possible Award of Storm Related Clean Up Contracts**

**Resolution 2012-80**

Donahue moved to approve a resolution for emergency appropriation for storm cleanup in the amount of \$30,000 to be paid for in the 2013 budget. Hasser seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

For: Bremner, Donahue Hasser, Pausch, Steen  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**Resolution 2012-81**

Bremner moved to approve the award of a contract to JML not to exceed \$10,000 for the collection all curbside tree debris, excluding leaves, with two \$5,000 increases, if needed. Steen seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

For: Bremner, Donahue Hasser, Pausch, Steen  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**Resolution 2012-82**

Bremner moved to approve the award of a contract to Wells not to exceed \$7,500 for the removal of damaged trees on Borough property. Steen seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

For: Bremner, Donahue Hasser, Pausch, Steen  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**Preparation for Possible Nor'easter**

A storm is predicted for Wednesday, and the County EOC will remain open. The Rocky Hill EOC may open, as well.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications as listed were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peggy Harris, 66 Crescent Ave, inquired about limb pick up.

Council President, Mark Pausch, thanked the Mayor for his leadership during the storm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Bremner with a second by Steen to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Witt  
Deputy Borough Clerk

BILL LIST Nov. 5, 2012

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH  
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7415	39 - CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	PO 4063 Fire alarm inspection and battery r	195.00	195.00
7416	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 4064 Legal advertising Ordinance 2012-05	11.44	11.44
7417	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 4072 Legal Advertising: cell tower lease	112.64	112.64
7418	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 4066 Legal fees	1,542.06	1,542.06
7419	526 - LANDSCAPE MATERIALS INC.	PO 4057 Landscaping materials for lawn at B	703.85	703.85
7420	354 - RICOH USA, INC.	PO 4071 Copy machine rental Oct. 2012	124.50	124.50
7421	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 4069 Engineering services	2,668.00	2,668.00
7422	289 - VERIZON	PO 4059 EMS phone	73.76	73.76
7423	289 - VERIZON	PO 4060 Borough Hall phone	283.77	283.77
7424	291 - VITAL SERVICES GROUP	PO 4065 Estimated Postage & Handling for 20	91.52	91.52
TOTAL				5,806.54
Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND				5,806.54
				5,806.54

+ 225.00  
6,031.54

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7425	29 - BOLLINGER INC	PO 4073 CFO bond Policy LSF037052	225.00	225.00
TOTAL				225.00
Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND				225.00
				225.00

List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH  
UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6717	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 4066 Legal fees	190.79	190.79
6718	93 - Donna M. Griffiths	PO 4056 Postage for water/sewer bills	91.20	91.20
6719	380 - HANS OLSEN	PO 4067 Water Dept. maintenance	25.00	25.00
6720	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 4058 Postage machine rental	29.00	29.00
6721	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 4068 Water Dept. maintenance	185.00	185.00
6722	322 - VECTOR SECURITY	PO 4070 Water dept. monitoring 11/01/12 to	630.72	630.72
6723	289 - VERIZON	PO 4061 Water dept. phone	29.78	29.78
TOTAL				1,181.49
Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING				1,181.49
				1,181.49

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2012-80

RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION- STORM CLEANUP

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to *Hurricane Sandy* and, no adequate provision was made in the 2012 budget for Rocky Hill Borough for the aforesaid purpose, and

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

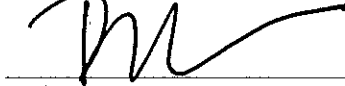
WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$ 30,000 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2012 is \$ 35,409 and

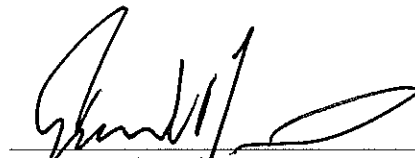
WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2012,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of The Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey in accordance with NJS 40A:4-46:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for *Hurricane Sandy* in the amount of \$ 30,000. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2013 budget,
2. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services

ATTEST:

  
Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk  
Mayor

  
Edward P. Zimmerman,

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on November 5, 2012.

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Rebecca P. Newman, RMC

Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2012 - 81**

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
SOMERSET COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on October 29, 2012 the Borough of Rocky Hill was impacted by Hurricane Sandy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Rocky Hill desires to enter into a contract to remove brush and limbs that were brought down by Hurricane Sandy; and


**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer walked the Streets of Rocky Hill with contractors to receive quotes for this work; and

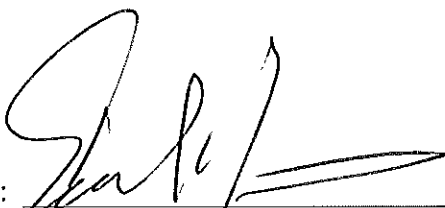
**WHEREAS**, funding for this was appropriated under an emergency resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill awards a contract to JML Landscaping to remove any brush and limbs placed curbside beginning November 12, 2012 for an hourly rate of \$178.00 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
2. That upon the determination of the Mayor and Borough Engineer the contract may be extended twice by \$5,000.00 if necessary to remove all debris.
3. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer and authorized by the emergency appropriation resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By:   
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Rebecca P. Newman  
Borough Clerk

By:   
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Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from:\_\_\_\_\_.

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Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on November 5, 2012.

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Rebecca P. Newman  
Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION 2012 - 82**

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
SOMERSET COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, on October 29, 2012 the Borough of Rocky Hill was impacted by Hurricane Sandy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Rocky Hill desires to enter into a contract to remove trees that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy but remain standing in danger of falling; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer walked the Streets of Rocky Hill with contractors to receive quotes for this work; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this was appropriated under an emergency resolution.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

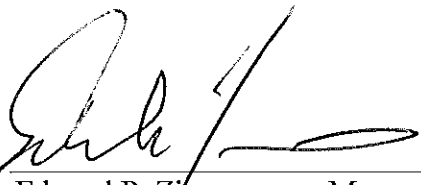
1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill awards a contract to Robert Wells Tree and Landscaping to remove any trees that were damaged but are still standing causing an threat to fall for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

3. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer and authorized by the emergency appropriation resolution.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By:   
Rebecca P. Newman  
Borough Clerk

By:   
Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor



I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from:\_\_\_\_\_.

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Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on November 5, 2012.

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Rebecca P. Newman  
Borough Clerk